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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 985

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER COURSES TO INMATES AT NO COST.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) solely for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor or to be providing contractual services because of the agreement.

This means that, with respect to the agreement, the institution does not have to, among other things:

1. file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws;
2. permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts on its employment practices and procedures; or
3. file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

HB 5602, File 457, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, contains similar provisions which are effective October 1, 2013.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 44 Nay 0 (04/12/2013)